

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A petition dated 19th Medam 1104 was received by the Chief Engineer in which the petitioners request for the construction of a *chira* in Alur river near Kanjira Kundu and for opening a canal along the fields in Alur Kizhakepadam as far as Arod for the benefit of their lands.

(b) The petition was forwarded by the Chief Engineer to the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, whose report has been received by the Chief Engineer. It is pending the Chief Engineer's inspection and disposal.

(c) Please vide answer to (b).

(d) Yes, by the Chief Engineer.

(e) Petition dated 29th Kumbham 1104 from Mr. Choondupurakkal Konnan Unnichira was received on 16th March 1929 through Hon'ble Member Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan with his letter dated 1st Meenam 1104.

39. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition dated 28th Kumbham 1104 from Mr. Choondupurakkal Govindan Unnichira and others in Alur village; and if so,

(b) what is the request contained therein;

(c) whether the request has been sanctioned by the Government; and if not,

(d) what action has been taken with reference to it so far;

(e) whether the request is with reference to irrigation facilities being provided?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b), (c), (d) and (e). No answer is called for in view of answer to (a).

Village Menons in service.

40. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Village Menons in the State when the present Diwan Peishkar took charge;

(b) how many of them were 1. Caste-Hindus, 2. Non-caste Hindus, 3. Christians, 4. Muslims and 5. Jews;

(c) what steps have been taken by the present Diwan Peishkar to give fair representation to all classes of people given above with reference to this appointment?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) 208.

(b) Caste-Hindus 167

Non-caste Hindus 16

Christians 23

Muslims 2

Jews Nil.

(c) The present Diwan Peishkar has not had sufficient time and opportunity to do anything substantial in this direction. He is taking steps to give the sparsely represented classes better representation when opportunities occur.

Appointments in the Land Revenue Department.

41. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number

(1) of applications for appointments received; and

(2) appointments made by the present Diwan Peishkar from each of the following communities:—Christians, Muslims, Ezhavas, Nayers, Pulayas, Brahmins, Arayas and others?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) and (2) Vide list appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Request for opening a road in Anjur Village.

42. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any petition or a resolution passed at a meeting held at Pengamuk village has been received by the Government requesting the Government to open a road connecting Cherullikadavu road with Vaduthala road in Anjur village;

(b) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to this matter;

(c) whether orders have been passed granting the request?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) It is being enquired into.

(c) No. Vide answer to sub-division (b).

43. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Engineer has received a petition dated 2nd Meenam 1104 from the inhabitants of Kattakampal and Anjur villages and if so, what is the request contained in the petition;

(b) whether the request has been sanctioned; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes. The request of the petitioners was for opening a road from Vaduthala to Cheruvally ferry and for improving the Vaduthala road.

(b) No.

(c) The Assistant Engineer had been asked to report on the same and his report has been received. The matter is engaging the attention of the Department.

Small-pox attacks in Chelakkara.

44. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—